Who are the Druze and Why are they Attacking Muslims in Syria?

The Druze

The Druze essentially practise a mixture of all sorts of paganism, Shiism, ancient Greek philosophy, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism (*Majoos*), and more. They are also among the most loyal Arab citizens of the Zionist state, with Netanyahu and his ilk passionately defending the Druze of Syria as if they were his own children.

Demographic Overview

The entire Druze population is estimated to be between 800,000 and one million. They are primarily located in the Levant, i.e., Lebanon, Syria, and Israel, with smaller communities in Jordan. They make up 5.5% of Lebanon's population, 3% of Syria's, and 1.6% of Israel's, and are known for their loyalty to the Zionist state.

The oldest and most densely populated Druze communities exist in Mount Lebanon and southern Syria, around Jabal al-Druze (literally "Mountain of the Druze"). In the West, they mainly reside in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Germany.

Historical Background

The Druze are an offshoot of the Ismaili *Rafidah* Shia from the 11th-century Fatimid era. They fought over leadership like all Shia sects and found refuge in the mountains of Lebanon, where they established their own batini and syncretic cult.

In 1009, near Cairo, Egypt, the *Rafidi* Shia Ismaili tyrant al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah "mysteriously" vanished—a fitting fate for a lunatic who terrorised the Sunni people of Egypt. In his wake, two of his most fanatical worshippers, Hamzah ibn

Ali ibn Ahmad (a Persian Ismaili *zindiq* and missionary) and Muhammad al-Darazi (yet another Persian Ismaili *Rafidi zindiq*), began spreading the blasphemous claim that Al-Hakim was literally God incarnate (*Rafidi* Shia Ismaili rulers already saw themselves as divine, just not as explicitly). Muhammad al-Darazi was later excommunicated for being rebellious.

Their followers, later known as the Druze, were nothing but a horde of Shia *zanadiqah* (heretics) who infested Sunni Egypt—just as the batini Nusayri Shia ("Alawi") *mushrik* Bashar al-Assad ruled over Sunni Syria, or how the degenerate Ismaili *Rafidi* Shia Aga Khan is, to this very day, deified by millions of his blind-following devotees.

Majoosi shu'ubi fraud after fraud, deception upon deception—this is *Tashayyu'* (Shiism), hijacking the name of the Prophetic progeny to peddle superstition and shirk. A perpetual scam, a never-ending plague.

Hassan al-Sabbah

Figures such as Hassan al-Sabbah—the founder of the Nizari Ismaili state in Alamut and the mastermind behind the infamous Assassin cult—was reportedly of Arab descent, yet he was born and raised in the accursed city of shirk, Qom. Similarly, Nasir al-Din al-Tusi, another notorious Persian rafidi, actively supported the Nizari Ismailis. Worse still, Al-Tusi played a pivotal role in one of the greatest betrayals in Islamic history: he urged Hulagu Khan, the bloodthirsty Mongol and grandson of Genghis Khan, to invade Baghdad. His treachery led to the destruction of the Sunni Abbasid Caliphate and the massacre of over a million Muslims.

Druze Beliefs and Theology

The absolute madness is that the Druze exoterically claim tawhid—much like the Baha'is, Nusayris, Ismailis, Twelvers, and other *zanadiqah* who loosely affirm the existence of one supreme deity—and self-identify as *Al-Muwahhidun* ("the monotheists") or *Ahl al-Tawhid* ("the people of tawhid"). They denounce Muhammad al-Darazi as a heretic and seek to maintain a more ambiguous identity. Despite this, the term "Druze" is universally used by outsiders, historians, and scholars to identify them.

The kufr and shirk beliefs of the Druze are many, but to begin with, they do not believe in or practise Shariah as followed in Islam. They have completely

abandoned Islamic obligations such as salah (prayer), sawm (fasting in Ramadan), zakah (charity), and hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah)—the very pillars of Islam.

How Do They Justify Abolishing the Entire Shariah?

Easy task for them—it all comes down to one word: *Batinism* ("esotericism") on steroids.

- They believe in hidden, mystical meanings behind religious practices, dismissing literal observance of Islamic laws.
- They claim that Shariah was meant only for those who were not "spiritually enlightened" (i.e., non-Druze).
- According to their doctrine, the Druze "Imam" Hamzah ibn Ali (one of their founders) abolished Shariah in 1017 CE, declaring that outward religious obligations were no longer necessary.
- They claim that true worship is internal knowledge (*ma'rifah*), not external rituals.

Their Open Rejection of Islam

- **They do not pray five times a day as Muslims do. Instead, they gather for secretive meetings in their *Khalwah* ("prayer halls").**
- **They do not fast in Ramadan, arguing that fasting is a "spiritual" concept rather than a physical one.**
- **Hajj to Makkah is not part of their belief system.**
- **Unlike Muslims, the Druze do not prohibit alcohol. Many openly drink and disregard halal dietary restrictions.**

As if that is not already enough kufr, they top it all off by giving more importance to *Rasai'l al-Hikmah* ("Epistles of Wisdom", their sacred book) than to the noble Qur'an, which to them is just one of many divine books that every Dick, Harry, and Harry can interpret as he pleases.

Belief in Incarnation

- The Druze believe in *Tanasukh al-Arwah* ("reincarnation"), meaning that after death, souls are reborn into new bodies. They deny the concept of the Day of Judgment, Paradise, and Hell—a convenient escape for them,

as they refuse to do what is the essence of Islam and the literal meaning of Islam: to submit to Allah/God and His commandments.

- **Since they do not believe in *Akhirah* ("the afterlife") in an Islamic sense, they see no need to follow Islamic law as a path to salvation.** Instead, they fabricated a completely un-Qur'anic concept of Hindu-esque reincarnation (similar to the Twelver *Rafidah* Shia belief in "Al-Raj'ah"). They claim that after completing the cycle of rebirth through successive reincarnations, the soul reunites with *al-aql al-kulli* ("Cosmic Mind").
- Like traditional *Majoos* (Zoroastrians), conversion to their religion is not permitted for outsiders. Interfaith marriages are rare and strongly discouraged, and da'wah—i.e., proselytisation—is also not part of their faith, which, of course, is yet another reason they are favoured by the Zionists and their ilk.

Deification of Leaders

- Similar to the Nusayris ("Alawis") and Twelver Shia, who deify Ali ibn Abi Talib, may Allah be pleased with him, and to the Ismailis, who in addition deify their so-called "living Imam" (the *zindiq* Aga Khan, who cannot even speak Arabic or recite Al-Fatihah correctly), **the Druze also deify their leaders and do not even pretend to be Muslims.**
- The Druze exalt their spiritual figures and historical leaders to a deified status, driven by their obscure and elitist esoteric doctrines. Their concept of leadership is deeply entrenched in Neoplatonism, Gnosticism, and *Rafidi* Ismaili mysticism, which justify the manifestation of divinity in human form. **At the core of their belief is Al-Hakim, the Fatimid autocrat (996–1021 CE), whom they absurdly revere as a divine being in occultation—a transparent mimicry of the Hidden Imam concept in Twelver Shiʿism, yet another iteration of the same sectarian theatrics and ideological sleight of hand.**

Extraordinary Support for Israel

- Druze are prominent in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Israeli politics. Their deep-rooted alliance with Israel is symbolised by the phrase "a covenant of blood", commonly used to describe the strong military bond between Jewish and Druze soldiers.

- Druze in Elite IDF Units – Many Druze serve in elite IDF units, including Sayeret Matkal, one of Israel's most secretive and prestigious special forces.
- Druze Combat Pilots – There are currently three Druze combat pilots in the Israeli Air Force, an exclusive position rarely given to non-Jews.
- High-Ranking Positions – Druze officers have reached senior ranks in the IDF, commanding entire divisions and special operations forces.

The Druze's unwavering loyalty to Israel and combat readiness make them one of the most trusted non-Jewish communities in the Zionist state.

Detailed Beliefs & Theology

The following elaboration on the Druze and their beliefs is from Al-Mawsu`ah Al-Muyassarah fi al-Adyan wal-Madhahib Al-Mu`asirah:

Druze is an esoteric cult that deifies the Fatimid Caliph Al-Hakim Bi-Amrillah. Most of its beliefs are taken from the Isma`ili Shiite sect. It was named after Nashtakin Ad-Darazi. Although it was initiated in Egypt, it quickly moved to Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine. Its beliefs are a mixture of several religions and ideas, which are considered as secrets that may not be divulged; even the Druze themselves cannot learn their creed before the age of 40.

Foundation and Prominent Figures

Al-Hakim Bi-Amrillah is the main figure in the Druze belief. He is the Fatimid caliph whose full name is Abu `Ali Al-Mansur ibn Al-`Aziz Billah ibn Al-Mu`iz lidin-Illah Al-Fatimi. He was born in AH 375 (985 CE) and was murdered in AH 411 (1021 CE). His thinking and behavior were odd, as he was very severe, inconsistent, and envious of people. He did much killing and torture without justifiable reasons.

Hamzah ibn `Ali ibn Muhammad Az-Zuzni (AH 375–430) is the real founder of this creed. He was the one who announced in AH 408 that Al-Hakim was the incarnation of God. He called people to worship him and wrote the books of Druze creeds. According to the Druze, he is a holy figure like the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is to Muslims.

Muhammad ibn Isma`il Ad-Darazi , also known as Nashtakin, participated with Hamzah in founding the Druze creeds. He hastened in declaring Al-Hakim's

divinity in AH 407, which act turned Hamzah and other people against him. He fled to Ash-Sham (Syria) where he propagated his doctrine. Eventually, the Druze sect, which was connected to his name, appeared although his people cursed him because he acted against the teachings of Hamzah, who plotted his murder in AH 411.

Al-Husain ibn Haidarah Al-Firghani , known as Al-Akhram or Al-Ajda`, was the missionary for Hamzah's call.

Bahaa Ad-Din Abu Al-Hasan `Ali ibn Ahmad As-Samuqi , known as Ad-Daif (the Guest), was the main person responsible for the propagation of the doctrine in the absence of Hamzah in AH 411. He also authored many of their written materials such as The Letter of Admonition, Reprimand, and Reproof and The Letter of Scolding and Reprimanding, and others. He was the one to close the door on ijtihad (personal reasoning) in the doctrine so as to preserve the fundamentals set by him, Hamzah, and At-Tamimi.

Abu Ibrahim Isma`il ibn Hamid At-Tamimi was Hamzah's relative by marriage and his close assistant in the call and the next in rank.

Contemporary Leaders of the Druze

- Kamal Junblat, a Lebanese political leader who founded the Socialist Progressive Party. He was killed in 1977.
- Walid Junblat, his father's successor in leading the Druze and the Party.
- Dr. Najib Al-`Asrawi, Head of the Druze Association in Brazil.
- `Adnan Bashir, Head of the Druze Association in Australia.
- Sami Makarim, who participated with Kamal Junblat in writing a number of publications in defense of the Druze.

Ideas and Beliefs

1. The Druze believe in the divinity of Al-Hakim Bi-Amrillah. When he died, they said that he was gone and would return.
2. They deny all prophets and messengers and call them devils.
3. They believe that Christ is Hamzah, their propagandist.
4. They hate the followers of all other religions, especially Muslims, and regard it as lawful to take their lives, appropriate their property, and cheat them whenever possible.

5. They believe that their religion abrogated all previous religions; therefore, they deny all the rulings, acts of worship, and fundamentals of Islam.
6. Some of their contemporary prominent thinkers went on a pilgrimage to India, pretending that their creeds originated from the wisdom of India.
7. They believe in the reincarnation of souls, and that the reward and punishment is through the transfer of a person's soul to a happier or a sadder body.
8. They do not believe in Paradise and Hellfire, the reward and punishment of the hereafter.
9. They do not believe in the Noble Qur'an and claim that it was written by Salman Al-Farisi. They have their own scripture, named Al-Munfarid Bi-Dhatihi (The Unique).
10. They trace their beliefs back to very ancient ages and take pride in affiliating themselves to ancient Pharaohs and ancient Indian sages.
11. According to the Druze, history started in AH 408 when Hamzah declared the divinity of Al-Hakim.
12. They believe that the Resurrection is when Al-Hakim returns and leads them in the demolition of the Ka`bah and the conquest of Muslims and Christians all over the world. Afterwards, they will rule the world forever and impose taxes and humiliation on Muslims.
13. They believe that Al-Hakim sent five prophets: Hamzah, Isma`il, Muhammad Al-Kalimah, Abul-Khair, and Bahaa.
14. It is illegal for them to marry with a non-Druze, to give charity to people of other religions, or to help them. It is also illegal for a man to have more than one wife or to take back his divorced wife.
15. The Druze do not accept converts to their religion, nor do they allow any of them to abandon his or her religion.

The contemporary Druze community is divided into two parts, as in earlier times, as far as religion is concerned:

i. Spiritual people: They know the secrets of the cult and are divided into chiefs, wise men, and better men.
ii. Materialists: They are concerned with material issues and are divided into emirs (leaders) and ignorant people.

Socially, they do not acknowledge established authorities, but rather the "sheikh of reason" and his deputies rule them according to a system of religious feudalism.

They believe in philosophic ideas such as that their god created the complete mind, through which the complete soul was created, and from which all creatures were created.

They speak ill of the Companions and say, for example, that fahsha' and munkar (abomination and sin) are Abu Bakr and `Umar (may Allah be pleased with them).

Secrecy is a basis of their creed. Secrecy is practiced not out of piety but because it is a ruling in the fundamentals of their religion.

Mosques and dhikr (remembering Allah) are absent in their areas; however, a Druze may pretend to be a Muslim for some benefits.

A Druze is not taught, or even told, his creed until he is 40. Therefore, he is not charged with its teachings until the age of 40, which is the age of reasoning according to the Druze.

Their Books

Below are some books of the Druze:

1. The holy letters called Rasa'il Al-Hikmah (Letters of Wisdom), which are 111 letters written by Hamzah, Bahaa Ad-Din, and At-Tamimi
2. A holy book called Al-Munfarid bi-Dhatihi (The Unique)
3. A book called An-Niqat wa ad-Dawa'ir (Dots and Circles), written by `Abdul-Ghaffar Taqi Ad-Din Al-Ba`qali, killed in AH 900
4. Mithaq Wali Az-Zaman (The Covenant of the Guardian of Time), the covenant by which a Druze is bound when he is taught his creed
5. An-Naqd Al-Khafi (The Hidden Criticism), the book in which Hamzah criticized all rulings of religions especially Islam's five pillars
6. Adwa' `ala Maslak At-Tawhid (Lights on the Path of Monotheism), by Dr. Sami Makarim

Intellectual and Creedal Roots

1. The Druze were influenced by metaphysics, particularly by the Greeks such as Aristotle, Plato, and the followers of Pythagoras. The Druze consider them their spiritual masters.
2. Most of their beliefs are derived from the Isma`ili sect.
3. The Druze were influenced by atheists in believing in the everlasting life.
4. They were influenced by Buddhism in many ideas and beliefs.
5. They were influenced by some philosophers of Persia, India, and ancient pharaohs.

Presence and Areas of Influence

Today the Druze live in Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine.
Their majority is in Lebanon. A large percent of those living in occupied Palestine have taken the Israeli nationality, and some of them work in the Israeli army.
They have associations in Brazil, Australia, and other countries.
Their influence is very strong in Lebanon, where they played a major role in the Lebanese civil war. Their enmity toward Muslims is well known.

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